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Judicial candidate asks for election recount

Pam Fleming
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David Glaab, the New Boston attorney defeated by David Parrott of Van Buren Township in the 34th District Court Judge election Nov. 5, has asked for a recount of the votes.

The recount will take place Dec. 6, 9 and 10 at the Romulus Recreation Center.

The opposing candidate must file a petition with the Secretary of State Bureau of Elections

within 48 hours of the date that the election results are certified, which was Nov. 25, according to Glaab. He filed his petition prior to the deadline, however.

The filing fee to petition a recount is \$10 per precinct. The 34th District Court represents 49 precincts.

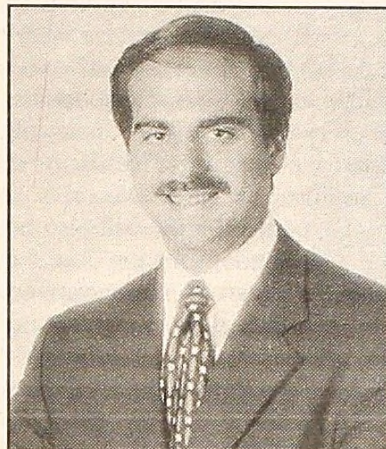
"You can have a partial or a full recount. I'm doing a full recount," Glaab said. Election workers from Wayne County are scheduled to conduct the recount each day from 8:30 to 3 p.m.

Less than 200 votes from about 16,800 separated the two candidates.

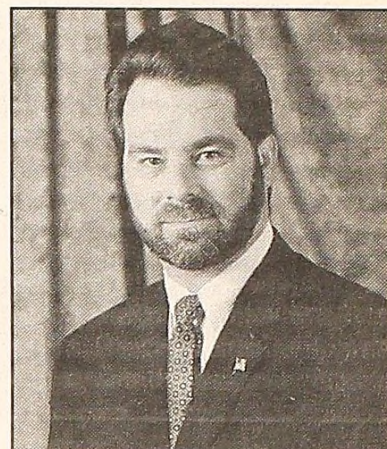
"Clearly, the election was very close. When you have an election that close it warrants checking the numbers, making absolutely sure that all the numbers are accurate," Glaab said.

Glaab said that although he has requested a recount, he does not hold a grudge against Parrott. "I did congratulate him on win-

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David Glaab



David Parrott

Officials want input on proposed injection wells

Pam Fleming
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The City of Romulus and a Birmingham-based hazardous waste disposal company will be going head-to-head soon on a proposal recently released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Nov. 20 that it has proposed exempting Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) of Birmingham from federal restrictions on land disposal of hazardous waste for two commercial Class I injection wells in Romulus.

If the exemption is granted, EDS may use the wells to dispose of regulated liquid hazardous waste, according to the EPA. The EPA will accept public comments on this proposal until Jan. 17, 2003, and will host a public meeting and public hearing in early January.

Citizens can send their comments to Sally Swanson, Acting UIC Branch Chief, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, WU-16J, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL, 60604-3590. They can also respond online at swanson.sally@epa.gov.

After reviewing the EDS petition for an exemption, EPA officials have concluded that it meets the requirements of the regulations, and that EDS can safely dispose of hazardous waste in the wells. However, the EPA may withdraw the exemption if any conditions change, according to the EPA.

Hazardous waste disposal wells are stringently regulated. The company was required to

demonstrate that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, the waste will be confined for as long as it remains hazardous and will not contaminate underground sources of drinking water.

City of Romulus officials said they are not in favor of the EPA allowing EDS to dispose of hazardous waste in the wells.

"The city has aggressively fought the installation of this well for years because there's major concern about the validity of pumping hazardous waste into our ground. We don't want to become a depository of hazardous waste in this area," said Timothy Keyes, economic development director for the city.

Keyes added that Sun Oil Co. has storage caverns for natural gas at the intersection of Ecorse and Inkster roads and that the company is concerned that it may not be able to operate these caverns.

"The state and the EPA have denied Sun Oil a permit to remove brine from these caverns because of the hazardous waste that may be pumped into this area by EDS," Keyes said.

"Our question is, if this is a safe operation, then why can't businesses perform their normal function? We feel they will damage the land where our businesses are operating," Keyes said.

Austin Marshall, vice president of EDS, said, "It's a very complicated application, and it's been a very long and hard process to get the exemption. We're hopeful that it will be finalized."

In response to city officials' opposition to the project,

City of Romulus officials said they are not in favor of the EPA allowing EDS to dispose of hazardous waste in the wells.



Belleville High School will present the comedy "What the Bellhop Saw" at 7:30 tonight, tomorrow and Saturday. Practicing antics during a recent rehearsal are, left to right, John Recor, Jordan Carr, Nick Testorelli and Dan Luchi.

Belleville students take on 'Bellhop'

Pam Fleming
Staff Writer

Those looking for light-hearted entertainment that will keep audiences guessing might want to make a date to see the Belleville High School 2002 fall play, What the Bellhop Saw. Performances are at 7:30 tonight, tomorrow and Saturday night in the high school auditorium. Ticket prices are \$7 for general admission and \$6 for students and seniors. Proceeds will benefit drama activities at the school.

What the Bellhop Saw is a fast-paced, raucous comedy that begins when a nice fellow checks into a luxury suite in one of the finest New York City hotels. This leads to a fantastic nightmare involving a Salman Rushdie-type author, an Iranian terrorist and a shrewlike woman.

Other characters include a conniving bellboy, an incompetent FBI agent, an attractive, a celebrity-mad maid, a dimwitted secretary and a little pigtailed girl.

Gag lines pop as events move at a whirlwind pace. Current humor blends with the traditional antics of slapstick and a ridiculous, improbable plot—doors slamming, characters bumping into each other and falling all over themselves. Confusion is the order of the day.

Larry Koch, drama teacher at the high school, serves as director, with Liz Simmons, an English teacher at the school, working as assistant director. Megan Dean was chosen as student director.

The hilarity and unpredictable story is designed to keep audiences on the edge of their seats and smiling. The comedy, written by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, opened at the Henderson Theater in Lincroft, NJ, on May 25, 1989. Both authors appeared in the play.

Although the play debuted more than a decade ago, many of the topics and situations presented are relevant today, with the performance rather controversial in spots. With the world

just observing the one-year anniversary of terrorists' Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the play features a terrorist, Babu. And, in one scene, lead character Wally talks about seeing the whites of a pilot's eyes before he is about ready to crash into a building, but he wakes up before the plane hits the structure.

Gordon Wykes plays Wally in the play, with Dan Luchi taking on the role of Georgie. Other student actors and their roles include: Elyse Bliven as Heather; Ashley Armstrong as Missy; Kari Mizer as Arlene; Nick Testorelli as Stan; Jon Recor as Babu; Jordan Carr as Roger; and Caine D'Onofrio as Mr. Birkhardt.

Also starring in the production are Delissa Woods as The Guest, Erica Stanley as "Number Five" and Andrea Coles as Little Heidi.

The annual fall play at Belleville High School is usually presented the week before Thanksgiving but is running a week later this year.

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Holiday 'Magic'

Radio personalities will broadcast from Westland Mall

Scott Spielman
Editor

Westland Mall will be more than just the site of frenzied holiday shopping today.

Local choirs will fill one of the wings of the shoppers' paradise with Christmas carols in an event that will be broadcast on a popular Detroit radio station in an attempt to generate some holiday cheer and gather some toys for needy children.

Beginning at 7 a.m., radio personality Jim Harper and his morning show crew will broadcast the Magic Morning Show from the mall, according to Peggy Ellenwood, director of the Westland Senior Resources Center.

They'll be stationed in front of the JC Penney store inside the west end of the mall. Ellenwood

"We hope to develop a relationship with (the radio show) so that they'll mention Plymouth throughout the year."

has invited all Westland early birds to go to the mall because the Friendship Center Choir will perform along with Robert Cassidy on the show at 7 a.m.

Harper and crew will also be taking donations for the Toys for Tots campaign. New, unwrapped toys or cash donations will be accepted.

The event will be a sort of homecoming for Harper, an alumnus of John Glenn High School. Harper and the Friendship Choir won't be the only Westland voices to hit the airwaves that morning, either. The John Glenn Singers, a high school choir, will perform at 8

a.m.

The event is partly a celebration of the holidays and partly a promotion for the mall and the radio show. It comes a week after Harper and the Magic Morning show set up a makeshift broadcasting booth in downtown Plymouth to anchor the Stay the Day promotion that took place there on Nov. 29. From a corner of E. G. Nick's restaurant, Harper enticed holiday shoppers to check out the friendly environs of Plymouth, gave away gift certificates to Plymouth businesses and helped usher in the holiday spending season.

It was the second trip Harper

paid to downtown Plymouth, according to Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Bob Anderson. He said the event proved just as popular this year and would hopefully translate into more year-round foot traffic in the city.

"We hope to develop a relationship with (the radio show) so that they'll mention Plymouth throughout the year," he said.

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'Take A Break' set in Wayne

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The department will host the annual Take a Break Days program at the Wayne Community Center from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Dec. 23, 26, 27 and 30 as well as Jan. 2 - 3, Feb 24-28 and April

21-25.

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Mark Gardner, owner of Gardner Financial Services in Northville, is another regular customer of Fine Threads. "He's one of my finest customers," Trudeau said. Gardner said he discovered the shop while walking down Main Street with a co-worker. "The downtown doesn't have many high-quality men's stores. It's convenient. You can walk by and always get something nice."

Secret nomination sends girl to beauty contest

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

A 16-year-old Romulus High School sophomore has a secret admirer, and she'd like to find out who it is.

Someone submitted Crystal Hahn's name to pageant officials at Nationals, Inc., headquartered in Hermitage, PA, and the Romulus resident will now be competing in the Miss Teen Detroit Contest scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday at Clarenceville High School Schmidt Auditorium in Livonia.

"I received a letter in the mail asking me if I'd like to compete, but I have no idea who gave them my name," she said. "I'd like to know who it is so that I could thank them."

The Sunday competition is officially called the 2002 Nationals Preliminary Pageant Program. Hahn will compete with about 200 other young women ages 10-19. This will be her first pageant competition.

"I did some runway modeling for Fashion Bug in Taylor about a year ago, but that's it," she said.

Hahn's local sponsors in the pageant include Holiday Market in Canton Township, Tony's Tire in Romulus, P & P Dance Centre in Belleville, Wild Willie's Chill and Grill restaurant in Romulus, and

Ken Rice and Jeff Warmoltz of Thrifty Car Rental in Romulus.

There are three age groups in the competition: ages 10-12 compete in the Miss Preteen contest; girls ages 13-15 vie for the Miss Junior Teen competition; and those ages 16-19 compete in the Miss Teen contest. Hahn estimates that there will be 60 to 70 teenagers competing in her age group from across the state.

The top 10 finalists in each age group in the Detroit contest, which will produce the state winner, will be invited to compete in the 2003 Cities of America National Pageant Competition, which will take place next year in Orlando, FL.

Pageant organizers will cover the cost of the trip and entry fees for the top finalist in each age division.

On Sunday pageant includes casual and formal wear competitions as well as a personal interview with judges, photographs that are reviewed during the interview and on-stage questions for the top 10 finalists in each age division.

"The interview is the most important part of the competition," Hahn said. "The contest is really judged more on personality than anything. If there's a tie, the judges will use the interview as the tie-breaker," Hahn said. The interviews will take place Saturday at the Romulus Garden Hilton. A

preliminary interview took place on Nov. 9.

The top 10 finalists in each age group will be asked to select a question at random. Judges will ask them to answer spontaneously. Contestants will be judged on their replies, composure while answering and the general atmosphere created while answering.

The competition formerly included talent and swimsuit competitions, but these were recently eliminated, according to Hahn. "I'm so glad they cut the bathing suit competition, because I wouldn't want to parade around in front of all those people dressed like that," she said.

The contest also includes a Miss Congeniality and a Miss Photogenic competition. "The girls in the competition vote on rehearsal day on who they want to be Miss Congeniality," Hahn added.

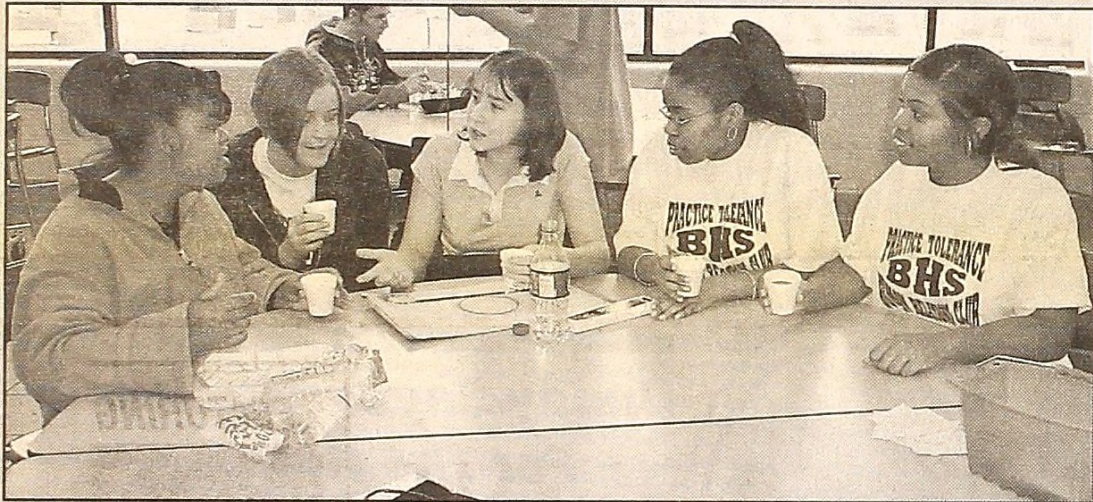
"I'm excited and really nervous," Hahn said about her first pageant. "I'm afraid I'll get up there, trip and fall," she said with a laugh.

Hahn has perfect attendance so far this year at Romulus High School, and received all A's on her last report card. When she's not studying, she enjoys playing volleyball and dance. "I also like water skiing and jet skiing, but I don't get to do those very often living in Michigan," she said.



Crystal Hahn

Nationals, Inc., will award each of the Preliminary Pageant divisional winners with a \$1,000 scholarship. Nationwide, pageant organizers will award prizes and scholarships valued at more than \$20,000 in the 2002 preliminary pageants. More than \$50,000 will be awarded at the competition in Orlando next year.



Belleville High School (BHS) students participated in National "Mix It Up Day" Nov. 21 by celebrating their cultural differences. The Human Relations Club at BHS organized the event, which encourages teenagers from different backgrounds to get to know each other. Photo by Pam Fleming

Belleville students celebrate diversity

Pam Fleming
Staff writer

"Mix It Up Day" may sound like a day where students wear plaids and stripes to school or perhaps formal evening wear with tennis shoes.

But the special day, which Belleville High School (BHS) students observed Nov. 21 in the school cafeteria, was all about cultural diversity. Students were asked to sit at the table marked with the month that corresponded to their birthday as a way to bring different types of students together.

"Mix It Up Day" is actually a national day in which schools across the country encourage students to be more tolerant of others, according to Jerome Roberson, guidance counselor at BHS.

The Human Relations Club at BHS organized this day of diversity.

"It was created through a

magazine called *Teaching Tolerance*.

"The magazine promotes tolerance and awareness of differences in our backgrounds and interests," Roberson said.

"It's a day to mingle with people that you normally wouldn't socialize with during your regular school day or community. We're trying to promote tolerance and make our community a better place in which to live," he said.

The goal was to carry on this message throughout the students' communities even after "Mix It Up Day" is over, according to Roberson.

"We want student athletes to talk to non-athletes, students from different socioeconomic backgrounds, intellectual backgrounds and cultural backgrounds to get to know each other better," Roberson said.

This is the first year BHS has participated in "Mix It Up Day," according to

Roberson. "This is a non-threatening way to bring students from various backgrounds and interests together," he said.

Mable Stroman, a special education teacher at Belleville High School, has served as the advisor of the Human Relations Club for many years.

Shataura Pegues, a junior at BHS, serves as president of the Human Relations Club.

"The point of 'Mix It Up Day' is to open the minds of students and make them realize there are different types of kids at school. They shouldn't just talk to the same kids all the time. We're with the same people too much. We could be in the same class and not even know each other," Pegues said.

"We want to improve the understanding of different cultures," Stroman said, "because we're all a little different."

Input sought on master plan

The next informational meeting regarding the new Sumpter Township master plan will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at the PNA Hall at 45476 Harris Road on the northwest corner of Harris and Sumpter roads.

As part of the process of crafting a new master plan, the township planning consultants, The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio of Ann Arbor, has invited members of the public to attend this open house/workshop. The meeting will be an essential building block in the process of developing the Sumpter Township Master Land Use Plan, representatives said.

At this meeting, the planning consultants will explain the overall

scope of the study along with how citizens can become involved in the planning process. Key elements of the work will be discussed along with a time frame for milestones of the project.

The open house will provide a forum in which residents can express their goals and visions for the future of the township. Representatives of Johnson Hill will act as impartial facilitators, listening to the needs of the residents and offering constructive recommendations.

For more information about the project, contact Katie Davison of the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio at 734-623-0200 or kdavi-son@jhle-studio.com.

Judge - Candidate want to be sure

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ning. It has nothing to do with him as a person. I just want to make sure the numbers are accurate," he said.

"I was encouraged by a lot of my supporters that a recount was warranted. Out of courtesy and respect for them, I thought it would be proper," Glaab added. "Regardless of the results, they are what they are, and

I'll be comfortable with the results of the recount. I just feel I needed to be thorough."

Upon learning of the recount, Parrott said: "Quite frankly, I wasn't exactly surprised. I know it was a close race. But it really wasn't that close. It's a one percent difference. The difference was 179 votes. That was the final tally that I've received from several sources."

Fight - Romulus rejects wells

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Marshall said, "We certainly understand their concerns but feel it's a safe operation."

"We're going to vigorously fight them (EDS) coming into this town," Keyes said.

The waste would be confined in rock formations more than 3,000 feet below the surface, according to the EPA.

Class I injection wells include wells used to dispose of liquid hazardous waste. The technology was

borrowed from the oil and gas industry. The wells are drilled deep, and there are enough confining layers of rock between the waste and underground sources of drinking water so they do not allow any fluid to escape to drinking water, according to the EPA.

Hazardous waste injection wells are subject to an exacting permitting program, monitored continuously for leaks and other changes, and the results are reported monthly to the EPA. Inspectors visit the sites several times each year.

Sometimes it's just 'round and 'round

John Henry Fabre was a French naturalist who conducted an amazing experiment with processionary caterpillars. Processionary caterpillars are named such because they follow one another around, as in a procession.

Fabre carefully arranged them in a circle around the rim of a flower pot so that the lead caterpillar actually touched the last, making a complete circle. He placed pine needles in the center of the flowerpot. There is nothing a processionary caterpillar loves more than to munch on pine needles.

The caterpillars started around the circular flowerpot. Again and again they made the "great circle." This went on for

three days; four days, five days, six days. Finally, on the seventh day, the caterpillars began to drop dead of starvation and exhaustion. With an abundance of their favorite food less than 6 inches away, they literally starved to death because they confused activity with accomplishment.

It's easy for us to make the same mistake.

We can become so involved with "things" — even worthwhile and good things — that we fail to recognize that we're just going round and round without accomplishing anything.

Jesus' mark for His followers was that there would be "Fruit that remains." In other words, that the pursuits we are involved

in should have some lasting value.

Ecclesiastes 3:15 tells us that "...God requires an account of what is past." One day, all of us are going to be accountable for what we did with the most precious gift we could ever receive: time.

As a child, I believe I had very little concept of the proper use of time.

When school wasn't in session, I just sort of hung out and played games and sports with my friends. Lately, however, I seem to be more and more concerned with making whatever amount of time I've been allotted count — that there would be "Fruit that remains" from my endeavors.

I think the first step towards

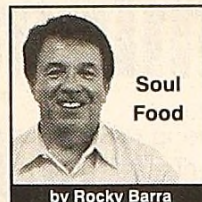
this is to make sure we're involved in worthwhile pursuits. Our discretionary time is just that up to our discretion.

I have noted that some individuals seem to accomplish a great deal, while others are pretty much doing what I did as a child only as an adult.

Efficiency is doing things right. Effectiveness is doing the right things. Proverbs 21:8 tells us, "A man is known by his actions."

It would be a good thing for all of us to focus on an effective lifestyle.

This means doing the right things, which will yield "Fruit that remains."



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Grief center plans Kellogg Park service

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

The New Hope Center for Grief Support has invited the community to share in the decorating of two Christmas trees at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth at 3 p.m. Sunday.

All who attend are invited to honor a lost loved one during a brief candle-lighting ceremony.

Sandy Prebenda, outreach and special events coordinator for New Hope Center, said children participating in the "New

Hope for KIDZ" program will be hanging handmade ornaments on the tree in memory of their loved ones. The program is for children between the ages of 4 and 14 who have lost a parent, grandparent or another loved one in their lives, according to Prebenda.

"They honor their loved ones by making creative crafts and artwork in a safe environment," Prebenda said. "It's a group that focuses on helping children with their grief in creative ways."

Prebenda said Susan Ayoub, a

young widow participating in the "Circles of Hope" support group for adults, is sponsoring the event in memory of her late husband. Ayoub purchased both trees, Prebenda said.

Participants are invited to continue the fellowship at a local restaurant following the event. Prebenda said there is no need to register for the event, but participants are expected to pay for their own meal.

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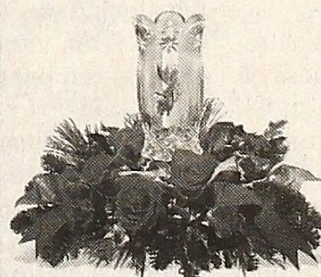


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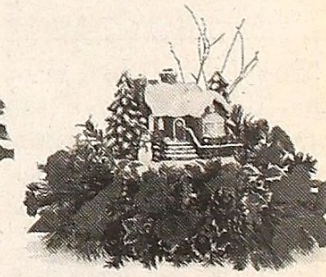
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OPINION

It really is the season to be 'jolly'

When the first few flakes of the first winter snowstorm started to slowly coat the streets, sidewalks, alleyways and – to the delight of many children – hills of our community Monday morning, it put many of us in mind of the impending holidays.

Many of us found ourselves humming traditional Christmas songs like *It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas* to ourselves, even as we slogged our way through sloppy streets and maneuvered around those of us who were less fortunate in our efforts to avoid colliding with our fellow drivers.

Even as we deal with these very real but oftentimes minor consequences of adverse weather, we do so with a look toward the end of the year when life seems to take on a more relaxed place, when we can look forward to spending more time with our families or celebrating our respective faiths, or when we can reflect on the year just ending, and look forward to changes and challenges in the upcoming year.

It is often a happy time, but it can also be a time of stress and disappointment when members of our communities are shouldered with additional burdens of providing more for their families. It can be hard to imagine that these people who so burdened, those we characterize as "in need" live right alongside of us as neighbors and friends.

When groups like the Goodfellows take their yearly donation drive to the streets, it serves to remind us of how fortunate we are in our warm cars traveling from our secure homes to places of employment, entertainment or commerce.

The Westland Goodfellows completed their annual street sale Saturday. In many cases they stood at busy intersections like Ford and Wayne roads, and Wayne and Warren, where they took their chances against holiday shoppers eager to make it to the mall to find a good parking spot and a good deal. The chilly weather, flirtation with flurries and the biting wind and Jack Frost scared off a few volunteers, but the organization was able to collect more than \$16,000 on that blustery day. In other communities like Plymouth, Canton and Northville, these groups are still scheduled to hit the streets and finish off the fund raising portion of the journey they take toward reaching their annual goal of "No Child Without a Christmas."

It's an easy group to support because the goal is such a laudable one and it takes so little of our time to support. It's also an easy group to ignore; it's easy to pretend we're fiddling with the radio as we approach the intersections where these colorfully garbed volunteers are hoisting their publications. It's easy to look the other way at the crucial moment when direct eye contact transfers to a flash of guilt for those of us who don't reach for our wallets. It's easy to look for another door rather than the one in front of which the volunteers are standing. It's easy, in part, because they won't say anything. They'll continue to smile with good cheer, give a nod of acknowledgement, or perhaps a season's greeting. But they'll know.

The Goodfellows are only one of the charitable groups that should be supported during the holidays, if not all year round. There are also plenty of opportunities to donate to the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots or the United Way, to name just a few. These are organizations that may have suffered slightly along with the downturn of the economy, in a way mirroring the circumstances of those they are most likely to help.

Fortunately this is a trend that can be easily reversed. It can be reversed by getting involved with these groups, volunteering your time or contributing a couple of spare bucks. As we're celebrating with our families or to spread good cheer with our loved ones, it's important to remember those who may be out of sight, but should never be out of mind.



Almost like riding a bike

It never fails.

Every year, when the white face of winter rears its ugly head and deposits an amount – any amount – of the dreaded 's' word on us for the first time, people seem to forget how to drive in it.

Driving in sloppy conditions seems to be one of the skills Michiganders should be proud of. After all, our roads are among the worst in the nation and driving conditions are deplorable even on dry, sunny days. Add a little bit of freezing rain or snow to the mix, and you paint a scene that would terrify drivers in just about any state other than Colorado.

In fact, when I spent three years at the University of Oregon, I often boasted of the winter driving prowess of everyone back east. That was back before the turn of the century, and granted we're still talking about a town (Eugene) that closed down when an inch of snow fell. They didn't have any way to salt or clear the roads and the slick streets and generally hilly topography pre-

sented a nearly insurmountable challenge to anyone who wanted to get behind the wheel.

Well, except me, of course. I was still used a bicycle as my primary means of transportation.

Now I look back at my apparently misplaced confidence in the driving abilities of native Michiganders and I wonder what I was thinking about. Does everybody forget what it's like during the off season?

The first snowfall invariably falls on a day when I'm dreadfully far behind and find myself scrambling to get anywhere on time. Of course, that could be because I'm like that every day, but that's beside the point.

It wasn't any different Monday morning, during the first truly sloppy commute of the winter season.

It was a little after 7 a.m. when the thin coat of snow and ice on my car reminded me that I hadn't replaced the windshield wiper arm that had broken off my Ford Escort, and that my tires were a little too worn for comfort. Even

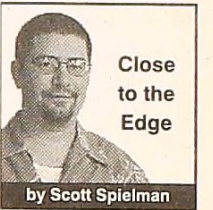
so, my battered little car got

around pretty well in the slush; I had no trouble keeping it straight and in control at the blazing speed of 25 mph that the drivers ahead of me maintained.

Don't get me wrong. I know safety is important, but I've always thought excessively slow speeds are just as dangerous as excessively high speeds. People who drive too slowly tend to generate frustration in the people behind them, and that frustration may cause them to take a risk they wouldn't normally take, like an ill-advised passing move, or develop into full-fledged road rage.

Too fast, too slow. It's a fine line and everyone has to do what they feel is right.

I just hope everyone pays as much attention to everyone around them as they do to their own speedometers. And winter driving knowledge comes back in a hurry.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Waiting for the mystery to unfold

Owning strong opinions is one of the privileges afforded to the holders of experience and age. It is a privilege of which I gleefully take full advantage. So, when it comes to politics, it is difficult to find something about which I have no strong opinion.

That is, however, the case with the current federal investigation into Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's fund raising practices.

I am no fan of machine politics. I understand it. I find it fascinating. I find it unseemly. Political machines restrict freedom. Often, criminal elements are involved. For those reasons, one would never, despite its name, confuse Honest?John's Shake Down Society with the fundraising arm of a political machine.

On Nov. 22, like hordes of locusts invading Pharaoh's

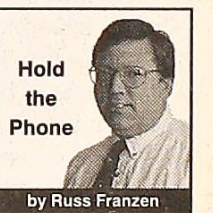
Egypt, federal agents with search warrants swarmed over the offices of McNamara and his deputies and employees past and present, searching for evidence of wrongdoing by the lame duck political boss. The once-mighty machine crumbled before our eyes. Those close to the machine hyperventilated. Democratic party operatives quivered. Republicans salivated. A big fish was flopping on the hook.

But before the Feds were even finished with their legalized looting, we learned some startling news. At least three of the biggest fish in Lake McNamara were not part of the probe. McNamara's former corporate counsel, Attorney General and Governor-elect Jennifer Granholm, his former chief deputy, Wayne County Prosecutor Michael Duggan, and Granholm's predecessor as cor-

poration counsel, former U.S. Attorney Saul Green were ignored.

All of a sudden, the motives for the raid were less clear.

Was it an effort to clean up impropriety in county government? If that were so, why wait until now? The new executive, Robert Ficano, would have cleaned house in a few weeks anyway. Was it, as some Democrats charge, a Republican plot to finally get McNamara? Unlikely. If Republicans were behind this, you can be assured that two of the big fish left untouched, Granholm and Duggan, would have been on prominent display. And why, as one report suggested, would the Feds wait until after the election



Hold the Phone

by Russ Franzen

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Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I am sure since Thanksgiving has now passed and December first has come and gone, your mailbox is full of letters from little boys and little girls asking for a variety of things. I can only hope that you can take a little extra time with this letter.

You see I am little boy with a very special request. I am not asking for the latest and greatest video game or big red fire engine. Instead I am asking for something even more important. I am asking for a family.

With the holiday season just around the corner, I have found life rather lonely. I had three wonderful sisters who were living with me and three weeks ago we found ourselves alone and abandoned, living in foster care.

The people we live with are really nice. They have given us toys to play with and a warm and soft place to lay our heads. They even helped to find my sisters loving families. But now I am all by myself still waiting for my special family.

Now, I can honestly say that I have been very good this year, or at least as good as I know how to be. I tend to cry sometimes but really only because I want some company. I make the occasional mess but only because I am not old enough to know better.

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Stop, sit read

by Jerri Mach

Too early for Christmas

It's an old, dead-horse subject for discussion - how the holiday season seems to begin earlier and earlier every year. But this year I've got a real bone to pick.

I noticed that every time I tune into one of my favorite FM radio stations (I'll be nice enough not to name it) they're playing Christmas music. I have yet to tune in this week and hear a song from their regular, year-round play list. I hear that this particular station is going to play nothing but holiday music from Thanksgiving to Christmas. They justify this by saying their decision to go all Christmas last year for the Thanksgiving weekend was so popular.

I can understand why that decision was popular. Many families are starting to reunite this weekend and beginning the holiday season. I can even understand playing all holiday music from Christmas Eve through Christmas Day, and maybe even for the entire week. But an entire month or more of nothing but holiday music? Isn't it bad enough we can't get away from it at the mall, on the street corners, on the television, on the telephone, in the doctor's office or even at the conve-

nience store?

In past years I have become so sick and tired of holiday music that by Christmas Eve I can't stand to hear another song. Being a sometime singer, the music of the season means a lot to me. But overexposure has nearly ruined past Christmas for me.

Last year I made an effort to protect myself from overexposure. Anytime I heard a holiday carol on the radio or on TV I changed the station. I did not get out a single holiday CD from my extensive collection until Christmas Eve. That's when I sat alone in front of my tree and played them all. I'll never forget it. Scratchy old records from my father's collection were played once again. The words of songs I had memorized from childhood flowed beautifully. I thought about where I'd been and where I was going. And I was glad that after the hurried nature of the past month, I was able to finally sit down and enjoy everything around me.

And this year I'll be glad to tune out of my favorite radio station to preserve that feeling.



Isn't it ironic?

by Heather Connor

Mystery

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to serve the warrants? That is not the skullduggery work of evil Republicans.

Anyone intent on bringing down the McNamara Machine had plenty of opportunity to do so before now. Rumors of contractual irregularities at Metro Airport have been alive for years. *The Detroit News*, playing a virtuoso role as the public's watchdog, chronicled many of the alleged misdeeds in its pages. There were certainly enough facts to make a reasonable person conclude that arms were twisted and campaign coffers were unnaturally enriched. Hmmm. That sounds a lot like probable cause to me. The very thing

a judge needs to issue a search warrant.

There, you see, is my personal dilemma. The timing of this dog-and-pony show is all wrong. There is no sport in shooting a lame duck. A real investigation into contract irregularities would include the persons whose job it was to review the contracts and the person who sat at the boss's right hand. A real investigation would not target the bagman and the boss, leaving the lieutenants untouched.

No, something about this investigation smells funny to me. Heck, for all I know, McNamara might be falling on his own sword to save his high profile protégés. The truth will come out. I, therefore, reserve the right to offer my opinion on this matter at a time when there are enough facts to make it a doozy.

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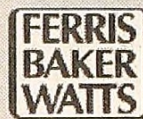
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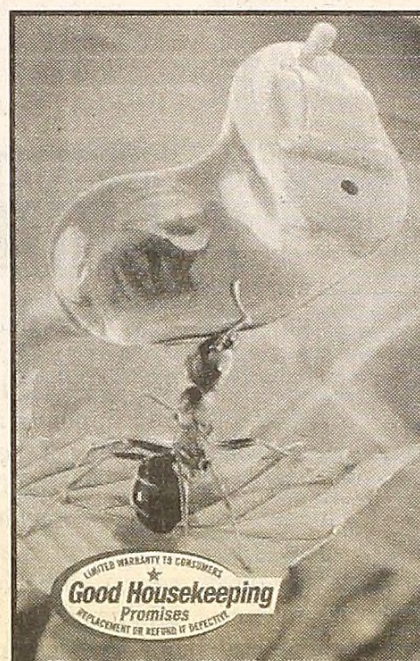
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'Nutcracker' set this weekend

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

Be honest now — have you ever dreamed of taking tea with fairies? Think it would be fun to munch hors d'oeuvres with toy soldiers and talk shop with ballerinas?

Are you a closet Clarissa?

This weekend is your chance to find out by partying like the little Russian girl, whose Christmas dreams will unfold once more during productions of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* at Salem High School Auditorium.

A trio of local arts groups have teamed up for the production, which will feature more than 150 dancers, singers and musicians in each of the three performances between Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon.

Tickets cost \$18 for adults and seniors,

\$10 for children.

And for a few dollars more, theatergoers can mix with the artists during "backstage" parties that will follow the performances at 11 a.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets to the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea cost \$5.

Attendees will be able to meet and chat with members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers.

Dancer Stephanie Walz, who fills the lead role as Clarissa, is expected at the tea. The Virginia-born dancer trained with Mikhail Baryshnikov and is currently a principal dancer with Maximum Dance Company.

For information on group discounts and ticket locations, call the Plymouth Symphony at 734-451-2112.

Lifesaving course is planned in Canton

Teenagers in Canton Township no longer have to watch *Baywatch* on television to know what it is like to be a lifeguard.

The Canton Leisure Services Department is offering a program called The Ultimate Junior Lifeguard. According to Jim McNellis, the aquatics director, this program was such a success last year that the department decided to offer it again.

"This is a program that has an incredible number of benefits to it," said McNellis, "everything from learning basic life saving skills to learning about teamwork."

During the one-night program, children between the ages of 11 and 14 years old are paired up with a working lifeguard.

The lifeguard "buddies" teach students what to watch for while on duty as well as what to do in case of an emergency, said McNellis.

"Once they have their basic training they then spend the remainder of their time working a shift at the Summit on the Park," he said. "The kids and the lifeguards really seem to have a great time."

Participants will receive a t-shirt, a whistle as well as a pizza dinner. The program will be from 4-9 p.m. at the Summit on Friday, Dec. 13. According to McNellis, registration is limited and all participants must be register by today. The cost is \$12 for residents and \$16 for non-residents.

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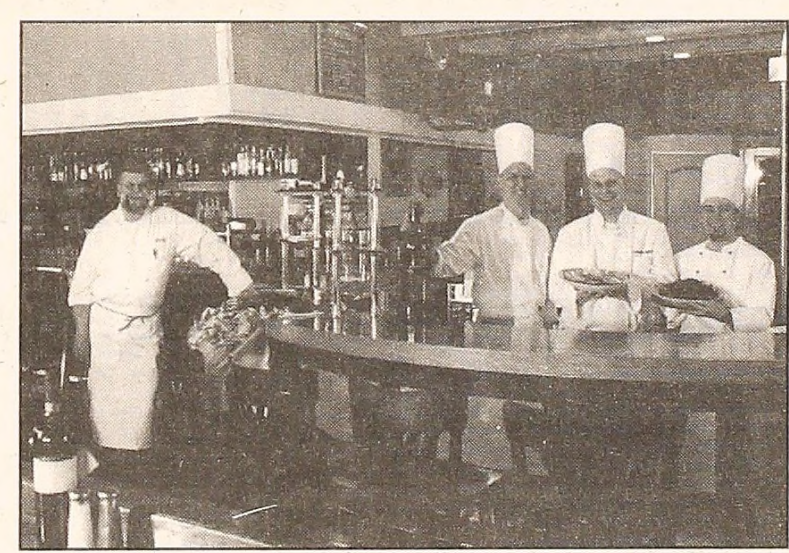
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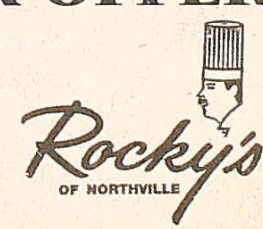
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Really 'good' cooks

Local amateur chefs cook up a fundraiser for Goodfellows

Scott Spielman
Editor

A group of Plymouth business owners are hoping to cook up some holiday cheer this year for the Plymouth Goodfellows organization.

It will come in the form of a cookbook with recipes from a local chefs' club that could hit Plymouth shops as early as Dec. 15. Compiled by the Over-The-Grill-Gang, it features a selection of the recipes the gang has tried, snapshots of incidents that occurred at each meeting, and witticisms that flowed from members like the rich sauces that complemented many of the meals they cooked.

The cookbook – and the Over-The-Grill-Gang itself – began during the Christmas season of 2000, when 18 Plymouth men received the same gift from their wives. The gift was the ability to meet at Compari's on Main Street on the second Sunday of every month, take over the kitchen there and create culinary masterpieces based on recipes pulled from a wide variety of places, according to W. Edward Wendover, one of the members of the group.

"We started taking pictures from the very first one with the idea that we'd put it together as a cookbook," he said.

But the book is more than just a collection of recipes. It contains a history of Plymouth, a history of the Plymouth Goodfellows and a history of Compari's, where the cooking takes place. It's also sprinkled throughout with snapshots, both verbal and photographic, of the monthly Sunday experience, and the good times they signify.

Nearly a third of the publication is printed in full color, and the cost of it was offset by the many businesses that advertised inside it, according to Dorothy Twinny, whose Plymouth firm Miller!Twinney served as the art director for the project. Proceeds from the cookbook venture have already met all the expenses, she said, so the proceeds will go to the Goodfellows.

"We should be able to raise some good money for them," she said.

Recipes in the book include the locally legendary Grecian pork chops served up by Karl's Country Cabin, Sharon Pugh's potato salad, Trout on a Plank and Bob Mundt's surprise quick breakfast recipe.

"There are a few goofy recipes in there, but everything is delicious," Twinney said.

Wendover said the book is designed to highlight the friendly ambience of a small town, and he



Members of the Over-The-Grill-Gang take over the kitchen at Compari's in downtown Plymouth once a month. The amateur chefs have turned their culinary adventures into cookbook. Sales will benefit the Plymouth Goodfellows.

hopes the idea will catch on in other communities. To that end, the cookbook also includes a section on how to start up another chefs' club.

"As you look at this, you get the feeling that it's a bunch of guys having fun," he said. "Hopefully you get the feeling from the cookbook about both the town and the people."

He said the idea to help out the Goodfellows was another natural one. He and several other members of the club have been active with the organization, which strives to provide Christmas cheer to needy families, and the group seemed like a good fit.

Last year, Plymouth author Craig Brass had a book-signing

event at Compari's to benefit the club, too.

"If you're looking for that Christmas present that really captures the spirit of Plymouth, Canton and Northville this year, this is it and the money goes to the Goodfellows," he said.

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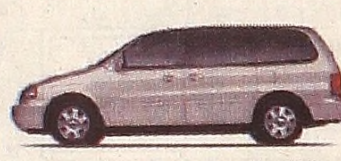


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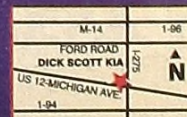
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Administration at the University of Texas and is employed with Southwest Business Corp. in San Antonio. The groom is the son of Richard and Irene Jorgensen of Omaha NE. He earned his degree in communications at the University of Nebraska and is presently employed as an air traffic control manager with the Federal Aviation Administration at San Antonio International Airport. Following the ceremony, the couple welcomed guests at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha. They honeymooned in Colorado Springs, CO. The newlyweds will make their home in San Antonio.

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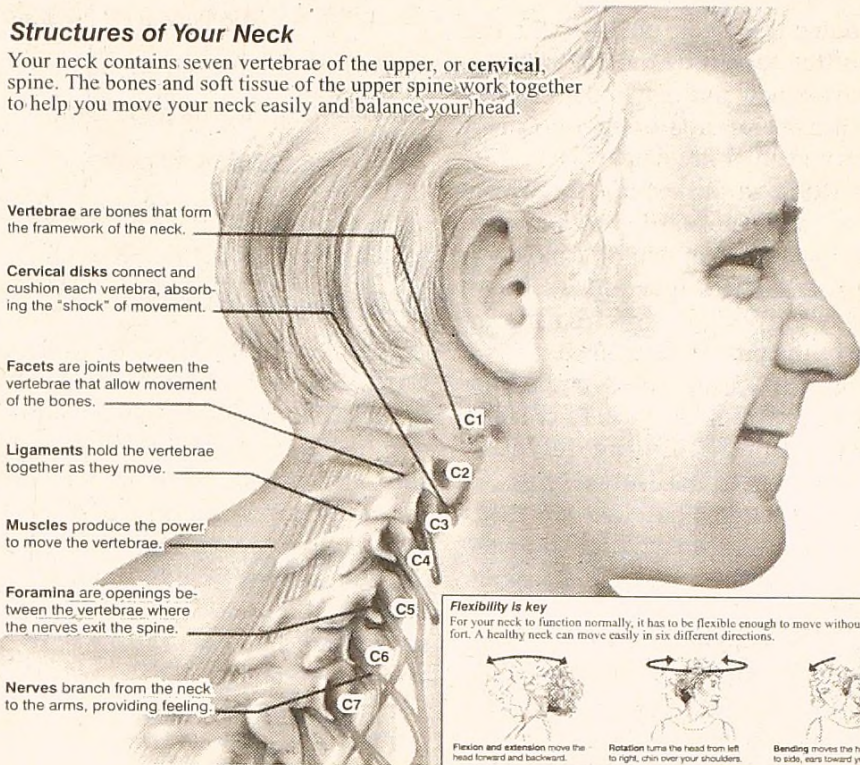
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Crime fighter

Prosecutor concentrates on domestic crimes

Bryon Martin
Staff Writer

Beginning this week, police in the five communities served by the 35th District Court have a new partner in the evolving fight against violence between family members and other intimates.

Mary Rubio, a prosecutor for Wayne County, will dedicate one day each week to handling local cases of domestic violence, stalking, and child and elder abuse. Funding for the position flows from a grant received by the prosecutor's office.

Plymouth Township police tapped the same grant program last year to create a similar position within the detective bureau, according to Det. David Hayes.

Hayes said he has handled 175 cases related to domestic violence, child abuse and the like since he began in the position in November 2001.

"Most departments are finding more incidents of domestic violence because things have changed," Hayes said. "The days of going out and just separating people - talking to the victim and sending the batterer to a motel for the night - those days are gone."

In years past, there were no laws specific to domestic violence situations, he said. They were handled as a generic assault and battery, which is a misdemeanor. Police could not arrest an apparent abuser unless an officer witnessed actual violence.

But as the public has come to think of domestic violence as a separate crime with unique qualities, laws have begun to change, too.

"Since last April, assault and battery became a misdemeanor arrest and it doesn't have to happen in officer's presence," Hayes said. "And we've got mandatory reporting requirements so we can track the number of cases better."

According to Michigan State Police statistics, Wayne County sees the greatest incidence of domestic violence in the state, with 5,643 reported incidents in 2000, the most recent year for which statistics were available.

Oakland and Genesee counties followed with 4,533 and 3,437, respectively.

Hayes said he isn't sure how the inci-

In years past, there were no laws specific to domestic violence situations. They were handled as a generic assault and battery, which is a misdemeanor.

dence of domestic violence in Plymouth Township compares to other Wayne County communities. But the nature of the crimes and victims' needs suggested township police should be doing more, he said.

"I felt there was a need to follow up on these cases," Hayes said. "Before we got the grant, nobody paid any special attention. Road officers would respond to the scene and then present the case to the prosecutor, but they (the cases) would get lost in the shuffle."

For the past year, Hayes said, he has worked closely with prosecutors and with groups like First Step, a Plymouth-based organization that provides shelter and counseling for women and children threatened by domestic violence.

Plymouth Township is the only department within the 35th District Court area to dedicate an officer to domestic violence cases. The federal grant that pays for the position can be renewed once more, according to Hayes. After that, the cost of the position will fall on the township budget.

Rubio will also be available to work with police from Canton, the Northvilles and The City of Plymouth.

All told, the evolving approach to handling domestic violence cases marks an improvement in police work, according to Det. Sgt. Steve Rapson, also with Plymouth Township police.

"Today we've got a victims' advocate, we've got First Step and now the special prosecutor," he said. "We're all working to handle the problem."

"I don't know if it's a big problem (in Plymouth Township)," Rapson said. "But we've got some cases and however many there are, it's too many."

Art lectures begin in Northville

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

The Northville Arts Commission will begin the 2002-2003 Art Lecture Series next week with "The Wild, Wild West," an art lecture presented by Michael Farrell, an associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor. The lecture takes place from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Dec. 11 at the forum in Hillside Middle School.

According to Ken Naigus, chairman of the arts commission, the series is devoted to 19th Century American art that focuses on the westward expansion of the nation. He said Farrell is a noted art authority and an adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"These lectures have appeal beyond the boundaries of art lovers, since Farrell explains the history, culture and politics of the era," Naigus said. "He puts the art in a context of the times and does so in a very entertaining way."

Naigus said Farrell would present an overview of the series on Dec. 11 and focus on three different artists from the genre on subsequent nights, cumulating with the

final lecture on Native American art. Farrell will discuss the work of Albert Bierstadt on Jan. 15, Charles Russell on Feb. 19, Frederic Remington on March 12 and the work of Native Americans on April 16.

Naigus said the commission has enjoyed past success with the Art Lecture Series as well as the upcoming Winter Concert Series, which begins in January.

"Our indoor events are growing in popularity," Naigus said. "Some of our patrons are now choosing to give season tickets as holiday gifts for music and art lovers."

Tickets are \$10 each and \$5 for students. Season tickets are available for \$45 and \$25 for students. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Northville Parks and Recreation office located inside Hillside Middle School and at the door. Office hours for the Parks and Recreation center are 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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On December 14, 2002, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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1989	PONTIAC	4D	1G2HX54C4KW210251	44-1825-02
1994	VW	4D	3VWRA21H8RM016961	44-1826-02
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Canton Goodfellows seeking help

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

While mothers and fathers throughout Canton Township focus on the menu for their holiday feast and Christmas presents for the children in the family, Canton Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer is focusing her attention on how to feed 340 children throughout the community.

The Canton Goodfellows have been a part of the community for 52 years, pursuing their annual goal of "No Child Without A Christmas." This program provides food, clothing and gifts to families in need throughout the Canton community. The primary fundraising effort for the program is annual newspaper sale, said Spencer.

Last year at this time, the Canton Police Department informed that organization that they would not be allowed to sell their annual newspaper in the streets because it violated a local ordinance. The department asked the organization and the volunteer "newsboys" to take the

already difficult task of collecting funds out of the busy township intersections to less crowded sidewalks and driveways, said Spencer.

"Not being able to sell in the streets has made fundraising increasingly difficult," said Spencer. "But we will do as we are asked and we have moved our efforts."

According to Spencer, the group needs the support of businesses in the community. While she has asked nearly every business in the township, only a few have offered support for the traditional Goodfellows' effort, she said.

"Target offered us a donation of \$25," Spencer said. "There have only been three businesses so far that have stepped up to our request."

According to Spencer, the newly opened Sam's Club and Wal-Mart stores each donated \$1,000. As a show of good faith during the grand opening of the newest Bob Evans Restaurant, the company donated \$5,000 to the Goodfellows.

"It is amazing that companies that have not earned a dime yet in this township can offer so much," said Spencer. "Yet, those who have been a part of this community for so long won't even let us sell papers near their doors."

Spencer said she is worried that the organization will not have enough funds to support the program this year.

"God has never let me down yet," she said. "But I think he likes to make me worry."

The organization recently also received a \$1,000 that was given in memory of Jerry Grady Sr. who died unexpectedly earlier this month.

Spencer is asking residents and business owners to support the Goodfellows organization in whatever way possible. Volunteers will post themselves at any available driveway on Saturday morning.

Anyone who would like to help sell newspapers is asked to meet at the Canton Public Library at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Other donations are also welcome, said Spencer. The

Goodfellows need non-perishable food items, new clothing and unwrapped toys.

"If you don't want to trust me with your money, that is fine," Spencer said. "Then please give us food and toys."

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Scott Spielman
Editor

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The church, which is located at 36125 Glenwood Ave. between Wayne and Newburgh roads, will host the annual Christmas musical on Dec. 15 and 22.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the free musical, which starts at 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

WALDECKER, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Waldecker, 72, of Plymouth, died Nov. 14 at home.

Mr. Waldecker was a past president of the Livonia Rotary Club. He was a 27-year resident of Plymouth and served as a staff sgt in the National Guard during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Waldecker was the founder president of Waldecker Equipment Co.

Among his survivors are his wife, Mary Lou Waldecker; daughters, Ann (Gary) Zubok, Lynn Marie Waldecker and Patricia Lee (Daniel) Murray, all of Livonia; sons, Daniel J. (Jill) Waldecker, of Livonia, Brad D. Kerr of KY and Brian Kerr of TX; a sister, Bernice Crocker; granddaughters Kaitlin and Michelle Waldecker and Erin Grace Murray, and a grandson, Patrick S. Murray.

Services were at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with Dr. William C. Moore officiating.

MICHALEK, John A.

John A. Michalek, 81, of Inkster, died Nov. 23.

Among his survivors are his wife, Gladys Michalek; sons, John W. (Donna) Michalek, Michael Michalek and Joseph (Dannete) Michalek; a daughter, Sandra (Ron) Neu; a brother, Joseph; sisters, Josephine Hughes and Agnes Morovik; granddaughters, Michelle and Christina Neu, Megan, Melissa and Rebecca Michalek, and grandsons, Ronald J. Neu and Joseph Michalek.

Funeral services were at St. Alfred Catholic Church with Fr. John Hawkins officiating.

Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

WOOTON, Sherman

Sherman Wooton, 88, of Taylor, died Nov. 22 in Taylor.

Among his survivors are his sister, Myrtle Young of Madison Heights; a dear friend, Cora J. Owens of Belleville; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were in Onieda, TN and interment was in Wilson's Cemetery in Onieda.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

LECESNE, Gale Haydel

Gale Haydel CeCesne, 62, died Nov. 25 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

A native of New Orleans, LA, she attended Xavier University in New Orleans.

Among her survivors are her husband, Terrel M. LeCesne, a former mayor of Inkster and superintendent of Inkster schools; two sons, Terrel, Jr. of Austin, TX and Haydel of Ypsilanti; four grandchildren; four sisters; two brothers, and many other relatives.

Services were at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

TILLOTSON, James Austin

James Austin Tillotson, 76, formerly of Huron Township, died in Kalamazoo Nov. 24.

A veteran, Mr. Tillotson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a Masonic Shriner, a member of American Legion Post 337, a Wayne County 4-H Fair Board of Directors member, served on the People's Community Hospital Board and the zoning board and planning commission of Huron Township. Mr. Tillotson retired from the Texaco Oil Co. in 1983 and was the CEO for the Physical Health Administration Services when he retired in July, 2002.

Among his survivors are his children, Robert (Sue) Tillotson of Stevens Point, WS, Nancy (Steve) Pendzinzewski of Mattawan, MI, Mary Jane (Dave) Saylor of Barrington, IL; a brother, Jessie "Bud" Tillotson of MA; sisters, Pat Fischer of Amherst, MA and Ruth Mills of Saginaw, and 13 grandchildren.

Services were at First United Methodist Church in Flat Rock with the Rev. Evans Bentley officiating. Interment was at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Brookston, ID.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Arthur Bobcean Funeral Home in Flat Rock.

GOFTON, Douglas Roger

Douglas Roger Gofton, 52, formerly of Belleville, died Nov. 22 at his residence in South Carolina.

A Vietnam veteran, Mr. Gofton served in the U.S. Army.

Among his survivors are his wife, Nancy R. (Sommer) Gofton; a son, Joseph Roger Gofton of Belleville; a daughter, Lindsey Marie Gofton of Romulus, and sisters Linda (Thomas) Derry of Southgate and Roberta (Bill) Behler of Brownstown.

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DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW
NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the City of Wayne will meet at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:


- 2002 Poverty Exemption.
- Homestead Exemption Status.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call or visit the City of Wayne Assessing Department at 734-722-2000 prior to December 10, 2002.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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SPORTS

Canton falls in OT against West Bloomfield, 62-57

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs girls' basketball team nearly pulled out a come-from-behind victory Wednesday night during the Regional Final game at Northville High School.

The Chiefs survived a fourth-quarter run by the West Bloomfield Lakers and hit two points late in the fourth to put the game in overtime. Unfortunately for them, the rally stopped there and they dropped the tumultuous back-and-forth contest, 62-57.

"It was a good game," said Canton Coach Bob Blohm. "They have a nice

team. They were able to get to the rim a little better than we were."

The game got off to a bit of a slow start and West Bloomfield took a slight edge, 8-7 into the second quarter.

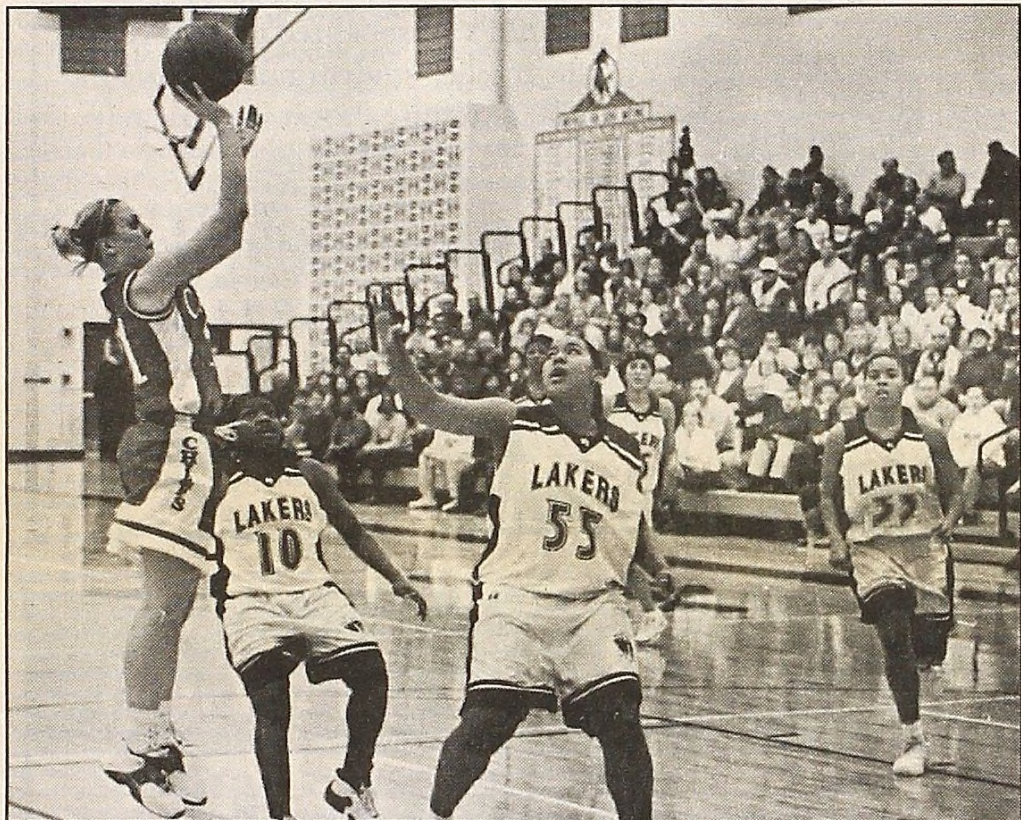
That's when the Chiefs started to show the dominance that has sequestered their opponents all season, though. They went on a 17-12 run to take a four-point lead into half time.

The lead was never safe, and neither side held it for long, according to Blohm. The Chiefs outscored the Lakers by a point in the third, thanks in part to Katie

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The West Bloomfield Lakers defense came on at the right time last Wednesday, when they clamped down on the Chiefs in the fourth quarter and in overtime. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr



Strong shooting has characterized the Canton Chiefs all season, leading them to a 22-3 record. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 4:00 pm.

The Purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734-699-8946 prior to December 10, 2002.

Joannie Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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Coach Rhonda McAllister

Eagles coach looks ahead

The Romulus Senior High School Lady Eagles Basketball Team won the Mega Blue Conference Championship for 2002 with an outstanding 10-2 record. Coach Rhonda McAllister, who was named the Romulus Fall Coach of the Year by *The Romulus Roman*, was very pleased with the season-long accomplishments of the team.

The Lady Eagles concluded the regular season record with an overall 16-4 record and finished at 17-5 after an opening

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United States Environmental Protection Agency

Will hold an Informational Meeting and Public Hearing on the proposed Land Ban Exemption for the EDS HAZARDOUS WASTE INJECTION WELLS in Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan

THE PURPOSE

At the informational meeting, the U.S. EPA will make a brief presentation about how the decision to propose the exemption was reached, and then any questions asked by those attending will be answered. We hope to enter into a constructive dialogue regarding the issues involved. At 7:00pm a Public Hearing will begin on the proposed exemption. We will accept both oral and written comments regarding the validity of the proposed exemption. A consideration, but no responses will be given until the final decision is reached. A document addressing all comments will be released when the final decision is announced.

COMMENT PERIOD

This comment period will run through January 22, 2003. Comments must be postmarked on or before that date to be considered. These comments should be addressed to:

Ms. Sally Swanson, Acting UIC Branch Chief
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Underground Injection Control Branch (WU-16J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

TIME AND LOCATION

January 8, 2003
Crowne Plaza Detroit
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5:00pm - 7:00pm - Information Session
7:00pm - 9:00pm - Public Hearing

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11121 Wayne Road
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Henry Ford Centennial Library
16301 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, Michigan

Taylor Community Library
12303 Pardee Road
Taylor, Michigan

The fact sheet may also be viewed online at
www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/pubpdf/factsheet.pdf.



Lady Eagles varsity team are winners

Members of the Romulus High School Lady Eagles Basketball Varsity Team with relatives, left to right: Coach Rhonda McAlister, Shaepree Lee with her aunt, Tracy Payne; Tasha Murray with her mother, Tonya Cadwell-Murray, Deborah Anderson with her father, Darnell Anderson and mother, Juanita Chapple; Ashley Sibby with her parents, Angela and William Clark; Constance Kersey with her parents, Pamela and Ronald Kersey; Marika Wise with her mother, Ester Wiseman, and father, Mark Campbell; Janiece Armstrong with her father, Ken Donegan; Brittany Brooks with her mother, Yvonne Brooks; Paris Hawkins with her grandmother, Virginia Hawkins; Darlene Glass with her mother, Diane Glass; Alicia Harbor with her cousin, Leonard Campbell; and Jasmine Charles with her parents, J. and K. Charles.



Lady Eagles junior varsity team shines

Members of the Romulus High School Lady Eagles Junior Varsity Basketball Team with relatives, left to right: Katie Banks with her mother, Diane Banks; Antonia Walker with her mother, Verland Walker; Landria Buckley; Rhea Partee with her mother Reve Guillaund-Partee; Kanise Thompson with her mother, Kanise Thompson; Shavon Bell with her mother, Priscilla Bell; Kate Appel with her parents, Diane and William Appel; Jillian Gray with her father, Troy Gray; Brittani Henry with her mother, Diedre Zockheem; Angela Crawford with her mother, Carolyn Crawford; Shannon Kowalski with her aunt, Kate Stears; Crystal Scott; Rom-meka Johnson with her aunt, Darlene Johnson; and Tasha Archer with her mother, Sheryl Archer.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111

The public hearing relates to the following described property: Parcels of land located in Section 29, parcel number V 125-114-99-0005-000, V 125-114-99-0004, V 125-114-99-003-705, and portions of parcel V 125-114-0002-704, located on the south side of Huron River Drive, east of Hoeft Road, west of Elwell Road. Please refer to the location map below:

The applicant is requesting special use approval to construct a Planned residential Development on the above referenced parcel. There are 154 single family lots and 104 attached condominiums units proposed.

Written comment will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date. In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting., if requesting accommodations.

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The applicant is requesting special use approval to construct a Planned Residential Development on the above referenced parcel. There are 108 single family lots and 69 attached condominiums units proposed.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Service until 5:00p.m on the hearing date. In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Canton hockey squad wins 2 of 3 in early season

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs hockey squad continued their strong start to the 2002 season this week, winning two out of three games.

Canton topped a plucky Northville Mustangs team last Wednesday, 4-3, after a strong third quarter. They won one out of two games at the Allen Park tournament on Saturday, losing to the host team 6-3 in the finals, according to Canton Coach Dan Abraham.

Canton 4, Northville 3

The Chiefs followed a well-balanced scoring attack to a victory over the Northville Mus-

tangs last Wednesday at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

They scored a goal in each of the first two periods and two in the third period to seal the win, according to Abraham.

Dave Bak put the Chiefs on the board in the first period, off an assist by Kyle Tollison. Tollison put the Chiefs ahead momentarily in the second with an assist from Dave Commiskey. Greg Kubert combined with Ryan McKendry and Brett Baker in the third and McKendry added a solo shot to seal the win for the Chiefs.

For the Mustangs, it was Jeff Kteka (with assists from Donny McKinnon), Joe Vitale (with assists from Rob Ward and Jimmy

Riehl) and Riehl who tallied.

"Northville is the kind of team that can turn it on at any time," Abraham said. "We did a nice job against them, shift by shift, to get some good scoring opportunities."

He said although the Mustangs got a couple of lucky bounces that led to goals, he didn't want to take away from the caliber of their play.

"They hustled hard," he said. "We earned the victory by pounding away and if we're successful throughout the season, that's how we're going to have to win the tight games."

Canton 5, Troy 2

The Chiefs got off to a good start Saturday when they took on

the Blackhawks in the opening round of the Allen Park Tournament.

They outshot the Blackhawks 19-15 on their way to a 5-2 victory.

Five different players tallied for the Chiefs, including Kubert, Commiskey, Mitch Wolfe, Bak, Brian Wioncek and Matt Gabriel, according to Abraham. Bak, Wioncek and Commiskey added assists in the win. Three of the goals came on power plays opportunities.

The Chiefs took an early, 4-0 lead into the second period, and never looked back. Even so, Abraham said the play and transitions were a little sloppy.

"I never felt comfortable with our style of play," he said. "It was

like we were playing a big game of pond hockey. I was happy for the win, but that's about it."

Canton 3, Allen Park 6

The Jaguars got the best of the Chiefs in the final game of the Allen Park tournament with three goals in the third period to put the game away.

Commiskey tallied twice on the night and Wioncek accounted for the remaining Canton goal.

Abraham said the Chiefs were victimized by a team that was a little crisper, a little faster.

"We just got beat to the puck," he said. "If we continue to get beat to the puck, it's anybody's game." The Chiefs are 3-1 overall for the year.

Chiefs - Canton hoopsters season ends in tight regional final

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Cezat, who put up 10 points during that quarter. She helped turn a five-point deficit into a five-point advantage, according to Blohm. But that only set the stage for a tight fourth quarter.

"We controlled the middle quarters, but we had to hang on to get to overtime," Blohm said.

In the fourth quarter, the West Bloomfield defense came on strong and forced turnovers to help get their team back into the game. They eventually took the lead and could have sealed it

late, but missed a lay up with about 10 seconds to go.

The Chiefs were still down by two, however. Briana Wolcott got the ball and was fouled as time expired. She went to the line in the tense pressure situation in front of a nearly breathless crowd at Northville High School and appeared totally calm as she sank both shots to tie the game at 51.

"She stepped right up," Blohm said of Wolcott. "Both of those shots were clean shots. We felt so good for her."

The lead see-sawed through

the first part of the 4-minute extra period, but the Lakers gradually pulled away and earned the chance to advance in the playoffs.

Cezat led the Chiefs with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Kristen Lake contributed 15 points and brought back 16 boards. Wolcott ended up with nine points, including the two points that put the game into overtime. Christina Redd scored eight points in the loss.

The Chiefs bow out of the season at 22-3 overall and Blohm praised the team and the way

they played together all season. He said seniors including Lake, Redd, Jessica Johnson and Wolcott did a good job of providing leadership for the squad.

"We had an excellent senior class," he said. "The kids worked really hard. They were good leaders."

He said the Chiefs will have a challenge ahead of them to match their performance next year, but with players like Cezat returning to the team, Blohm said he was hopeful.

"We've got a good core group coming back," he said.

Coach

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state tournament victory over Wayne and a district semifinal defeat by Garden City.

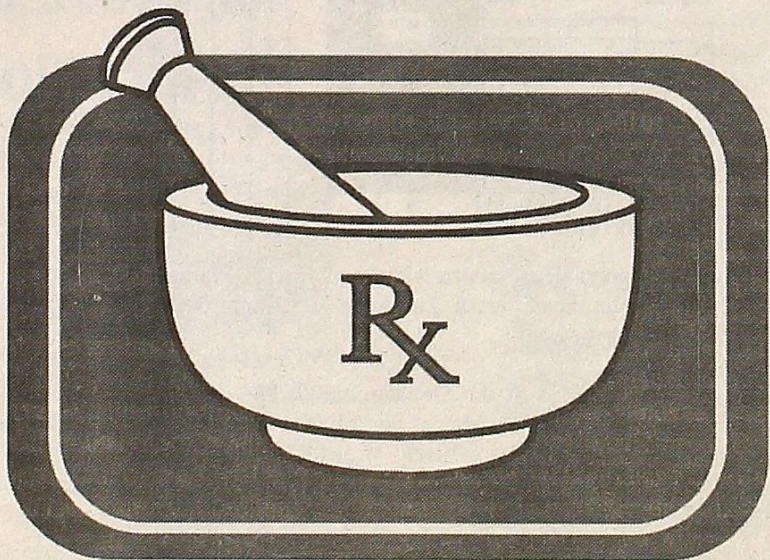
Coach McAlister said the team came a long way and made much improvement since last year. She noted the team members' dedication throughout the summer competitive activities and regular season practices. McAlister sees a bright future for the team, as many of the top players were only freshman and sophomores this past season.

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